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This letter boasts my personal opinion in every way and I appreciate microsoft for having contacted me with this letter.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my opinion of the recent settlement between the US department of Justice and Microsoft. I think the lawsuit has gone on too long and has been a waste of taxpayer dollars. Our government should stay clear of free enterprise and allow companies like Microsoft to innovate.

The terms of the settlement violate Microsoft's intellectual property rights, as they will be forced to disclose interfaces that are internal to Windows operating system products. They also have to grant computer makes broad new rights to configure Windows so that competitors can more easily promote their own products. Microsoft spends vast resources developing their products and services and competitors should not be rewarded for being second place.

I urge your office to uphold American principles and finalize the settlement because that is in the best interests of the American public. It might be flawed, but further litigation would be far worse. I hope you take the right direction and side with American people.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Don Nickles

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